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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

ANOTHER KOREA?

The tragic disappearance of a Flying Tiger plane ferrying U.S. troops to Viet Nam serves to point up how deeply we are becoming involved there.

Many Americans favor U. S. aid to foreign countries to help prevent the spread of communism. And they go along with the massive buildup of defense forces by this country as a more-or-less necessary evil.

But aren't we asking for another Korea? Is direct participation in the Viet Nam fighting worth the risk of fanning a brush war into conflict between major powers?

Under persistent questioning at his news conference, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara admitted that U. S. pilots had been flying combat missions in Viet Nam.

And another Pentagon source acknowledged that U. S. paratroopers are jumping in anti-guerrilla operations along with Viet Nameese forces.

Meanwhile, back at Geneva, they were trying to harness the H-bomb.

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NOTE TO NIXON

The President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity under Vice President Lyndon Johnson has processed more complaints on discrimination in government employment in one year than it did in six years under your chairmanship.

What's more, corrective action has been taken in 30 per cent of the cases under Johnson, compared with 16 per cent under you.

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CAPSULE COMMENTS

(With apologies to Lt. Col. John Glenn.)

• "Life Line," the right-wing radio broadcast heard on three Bay Area stations, is sponsored by HLH Products of Dallas, Texas. It is a propaganda outlet for H. L. Hunt, the Dallas oil billionaire and right-wing string puller.

So why the mysterious ad in Monday's Chronicle that: "the name 'Hunt' is not used by HLH Products in its brand and label"? Must be to confuse me, which it did.

• KTVU reportedly dropped the AFLCIO's "Americans at Work" series because of a shortage of public service time. But there was apparently plenty of "public service" time for Channel 2 to offer Dr. Schwarz' so-called School of Anti-Communism.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is it true that a big supermarket chain dropped ads in the San Leandro Morning News because of its articles and editorials against Dr. Schwarz?

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Hayes: higher pay to buy what we produce



FILING his candidacy for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors last week was Leroy Woods, second from left, secretary-treasurer of Hayward Culinary Workers 823. Woods is seeking the Second District seat on the board. With him, from left, are: County Clerk Jack Blue; Woods' daughter, Mrs. Willodene Jacobson, and Robert S. Ash, executive secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

200 consumers get facts at conference

Did you know that low grades of meat may be a better buy if you are trying to feed a family on a limited budget?

Or that a new type of low-fat, high-protein milk — which will taste pretty much like whole milk — will be on the market soon and that it will be cheaper than regular milk?

Or that you may demand a cash rebate instead of trading stamps at gas stations?

These are three of hundreds of tips for consumers offered by a panel of government officials and other experts at the East Bay Consumer Information Conference at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium last Saturday.

In discussion led by Mrs. Helen E. Nelson, consumer counsel to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, the 11 experts also covered the following points:

• The "Good Housekeeping Seal" hasn't been the "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval" since 1941. All it says is the product is "guaranteed as advertised."

• Federal officials are considering action against the meat company which advertise "a T-bone steak in every frank."

• It took the federal government 21 years to get the word "liver" removed from Carter's Little Liver Pills. They don't do anything for your liver.

• Any advertising which is "false or misleading by any means whatsoever" is illegal un-

der the State Business and Professions Code.

• Hamburger which is too red may have been subjected to a process called "dynamiting." This means adding sodium bisulfide. Another way to make hamburger red is to add more trimmings. The natural color is brownish-red.

• There is no limit to the bacteria count in frankfurters under federal law.

(They should always be cooked.)

• Only about half of the meat produced in the United States is graded. Of this, three-fourths

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Says militancy needed to face new challenge

Organized labor's battles are far from won, Al J. Hayes, president of the International Association of Machinists, said in Oakland Saturday night.

Speaking at a testimonial dinner for E. H. Vernon, who retired in January after 26 years as general business representative of Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546, Hayes said labor faces as many challenges today as in 1916 when Vernon joined the IAM.

"With each increase in prosperity," Hayes told nearly 700 persons at the dinner, "there seems to have come a decrease in the militancy and solidarity of the labor movement."

One reason for this lack of fighting spirit in that most members of the younger generation "have never suffered poverty of misery," Hayes said.

The Machinists' president — an AFLCIO vice president and one of the top leaders of organized labor in the United States — reminded the younger members of his audience that unemployment insurance, supplemental benefits and pension plans haven't always been a part of American life.

CHALLENGE OF AUTOMATION

Among the challenges facing labor today, Hayes declared, is the fact that "we are in the midst of a vast new technological revolution."

Hayes added: "For the first time in the history of our country, the question is not how to produce, but how to learn to consume what we produce."

"Yet unless we in the labor movement learn to demand

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Labor saddened by two deaths

Alameda County labor has lost two very good friends within a week.

• Joseph F. Pruss, president of the Building Trades Council and financial secretary and business manager of Sheet Metal Workers 216, died in Providence Hospital following an illness of more than a month.

• Oakland Postmaster Kenneth E. Francis, who held almost every office in Letter Carriers 76 and was a delegate to the Central Labor Council for many years, died suddenly following an apparent heart attack.

For details, see inside pages.

Construction talks under way; so far no progress made

The first round of 1962 construction industry negotiations is already under way.

Cement Masons from 46 Northern California counties have met a number of times with representatives of the Associated General Contractors, homebuilder associations and the Engineers and Grading Contractors.

According to M. B. Dillshaw of Cement Masons 594, unions and contractors are "still in total disagreement."

Dillshaw said the unions are asking for at least 21 contract changes, but so far the contractor associations haven't conceded any. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 29.

OTHER UNIONS

Scheduled to start soon are talks involving the Laborers, Construction Teamsters, Carpenters and other unions.

Al Thoman of Carpenters 36, Building Trades Council vice-president, said Carpenters' talks in 11 Southern California counties have already started, and those for 42 counties in Northern California are approaching.

Carpenters throughout the state are cooperating closely in the various talks, as are other unions.

Negotiations for Carpenters in this area are scheduled to start May 15. The contract date is June 15.

BILL PAID

Tuesday night, BTC delegates approved minutes, paid bills and adjourned to attend the rosary for Joseph F. Pruss. (See above.)

CLC delays Berkeley bond OK

Endorsement of the \$9,555,000 school bond issue on the Berkeley ballot June 5 was held up by the Central Labor Council Monday night.

The matter was referred back to the Executive Committee to clarify complaints by John W. Austin of Typographical 36 that the Berkeley Unified School District is doing printing work which should be done by union shops.

Everyone who talked on the subject agreed that the bonds are badly needed.

Berkeley voters have turned down four bonds issues since

April, 1959, by narrow margins. Meanwhile, overcrowding has become more serious in several older schools in Berkeley.

The action to refer followed an Executive Committee recommendation, made last Friday, to approve the bonds and to refer the "jurisdictional" dispute between the Typographical Union and the Pressmen to their respective international unions.

Austin denied that a jurisdictional dispute existed. He said the person who made that statement before the Executive Committee was in error.

HOW TO BUY

April buying calendar: shoes, TV

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The buys of the month this April are television sets and refrigerators.

Manufacturers have broken through with more price reductions on TV sets and are making available deluxe refrigerators of the new thin wall type for under \$200 for the first time.

But the problem of the month, requiring careful shopping with Easter ahead, is shoes. This is a family's biggest clothing expense.

Shoe prices have climbed for almost a year, in comparison to other clothing costs which are almost exactly the same this year as last.

There is helpful news for car seekers. Used car prices are receding from recent very high tags as heavy sales of 1962 models increase dealers' stocks of trade-ins.

Prices of tires also have been reduced this spring.

Here are tips on buying family needs this month:

SHOES: One of the most important factors in buying shoes is proper fit, not only for comfort and foot health, but for longer wear.

It's vital that you insist on broad toe shoes, especially for youngsters, despite the dubious narrow toe style which has appeared even in children's shoes.

Some moderate price, mass volume stores which offer good values do not always take the time, or have the trained personnel, to fit shoes carefully and properly. You need to know how to check it yourself, especially since children often aren't much help in informing you how well shoes fit.

Shoes, whether for children or adults, should conform to the natural shape of the foot. You need a half-inch of space beyond the toes of a correctly rounded broad toe shoe (even more for the pointy styles, which usually require a half size larger), and a quarter inch of space at the sides. The broadest part of the shoe should come at the end of the little toe.

When your child tries out new shoes, observe whether the heel seat grips his heel snugly and without slipping—but also without binding.

Usually a "combination last" is best for providing adequate toe room but a snug heel fit.

In judging quality of shoes, which does not necessarily de-

pend upon price, look for high grade calfskin, preferably. Some lower priced children's and adults' shoes are made of kip or elk tanned cowhide leather.

These are not considered as desirable as calf but are reasonably satisfactory if good quality. Kidskin is soft and comfortable but tends to scuff.

You can tell good quality leather by examining it to see if it is firm but soft and pliable, and closely grained. Bend the leather back to observe the grain.

Top grain leather is more durable and has finer texture than split leather, which is sometimes treated so it looks like top grain.

Look also for a genuine leather sock lining (the strip of material cemented inside the shoe), and for a slightly flexible toe box and heel counter (the stiffening material used at the toe and the back of the shoe to support the outer leather. Plastic toe boxes used in some shoes instead of leather are satisfactory, shoe experts say.

The Goodyear welt construction is generally the most desirable because it's easiest to repair.

T.V., REFRIGERATORS: A leading manufacturer, Motorola, has startled the television industry by bringing out a 23-inch set with a list price of \$170. This is \$30 less than the manufacturer's previous price. Since the usual retail discounts bring down the cost to \$140 or less, this is the lowest price at which this size set has been made available.

Earlier this year several leading manufacturers reduced prices of 19-inch TV sets to new low list prices of \$140-\$115 or less after discounts.

The new thin wall refrigerators, which are becoming available at lower prices this year, use foamed insulation to enable thinner walls. This provides greater capacity with the same exterior dimensions.

FOOD: Pork is cheaper this year; beef is still reasonable (relatively) but going up, and lamb is more expensive.

But the real food buys this year; turkey and eggs. Storage holding of turkey are at a record high level. Prices of eggs have been low all year, and April is the flush month with prices lowest of the year.

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80 new labor credit unions

Union members in the United States formed 80 new credit unions in 1961, according to the Credit Union National Association.

This brings to 1,156 the number of union-sponsored credit unions in the U.S.

Labor credit unions have an average membership of 720 persons. Share accounts average under \$600, according to CUNA.

Chrome dome

Two ladies were discussing what they would wear to the dance.

"We're supposed to wear something to match our husband's hair," said Mrs. Jones. "So, I'll have to wear black. What will you wear?"

"Goodness!", gasped Mrs. Smith. "I don't think I'll go!"—Garment Worker.

Kennedy seeks consumer aids

President Kennedy issued his consumer message to Congress last week.

Although the Kefauver drug bill was buried in committee earlier in the week, the President asked for legislation to protect the consumer in this vital field.

He pointed out that over one-fifth of the drugs listed since 1956 in a trade publication have, after tests, been found to fall far short of manufacturers' claims.

Since this may mean life or death, the President wants these drugs kept off the market when there is "substantial doubt" of their safety or effectiveness.

He also wants drug promotional material to list bad, as well as good effects.

Other features of the message call for:

- Testing cosmetics for safety. (There is no federal testing now.)

- A consumer advisory council — to function something like the Consumer Counsel's Office in California.

- Consumer advisers in key federal departments.

- Wider distribution of government pamphlets for consumers.

- Federal inspection of all meat, not just that in interstate commerce.

- A "truth-in-lending" bill requiring actual interest rates to be stated in credit sales.

- A survey of packaging and labeling abuses.

Consumer topics at conference

More than 20 senators and congressmen addressed the recent AFLCIO legislative conference in Washington, D. C.

At least three stressed the need for specific legislation to protect consumers:

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn)—"Drug prices are so high primarily because more than a score of the nation's top drug manufacturing companies maintain a virtual monopoly. We have to change the patent laws as they apply to drugs if we are ever to get drug prices down."

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill)—Demonstrating the need for his "truth-in-interest" bill, he said a probe of auto credit costs in the District of Columbia area showed interest rates "as high as 102 per cent and averaging 30 per cent."

Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn)—On closing tax loopholes, "the people must look for justice to the Senate. Tell me which way the big corporations are active and I'll tell you how the House Ways and Means Committee will act."

G.E. profit

Despite last year's anti-trust case, General Electric Co. reported its 1961 profit at \$242,500,000, or 21 per cent above 1960.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Because of the importance of the East Bay Consumer Information Conference, the "To the Ladies From the Editor" column will not appear this week.

Additional coverage on the consumer conference will be carried in next week's issue.

200 consumers at conference

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is graded "choice." Poorer quality meats often aren't submitted for grading. But they are just as safe to eat. Almost all fresh meat sold in California has been inspected for safety.

- It is a violation of the California Cold Storage Act to put thawed poultry back into cold storage.

LOWER GRADES OF MEAT

Donald D. Hill, investigator in charge of the western area for the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Meat Inspection Division, told consumers the protein nutritive value of lower grades of meat is considerably higher because there is less fat.

But Hill warned that these grades are the toughest, too. "Prime" grade is juicier, tenderer and "more palatable" because it has quite a bit of fat on it. It's also the most expensive.

In California, "Prime" grade beef is virtually never sold in stores. In fact, Dr. Jessie V. Coles, retired U. C. home economics professor, urged buyers to ask to see the grade stamp if their butcher claims he's selling them "prime" beef.

Very little of the pork produced in the U. S. is graded, according to Dr. Coles. About one-third of the lamb is graded.

The government threatened to end lamb grading about two years ago, she said, but consumers created such a furore that it continued.

There is no grading of cured pork, such as bacon and ham.

WATERED HAM?

Some of the consumers at the conference wanted to know the status of the watered ham controversy.

Investigator Hill said: "Your chances of buying a watered ham for Easter are too good to suit me."

Hill explained that "imitation hams" on the market still have water added, and unless you're looking for the label you probably won't see it. Hill said many buyers purchase these "imitation hams" in the belief they are getting old-fashioned smoked hams.

He also explained that Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman's order against watered hams is being contested in the courts by a group of processors and that the outcome is uncertain.

The conference co-sponsors were the Alameda and Contra Costa Labor Councils, the Berkeley Co-op and the Orinda AAUW.

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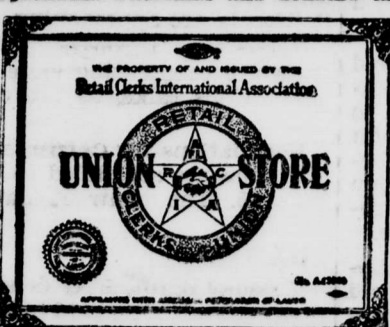
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Joseph F. Pruss, BTC president, dies after illness

Joseph F. Pruss, president of the Building Trades Council and business manager and financial secretary of Sheet Metal Workers 216, died in Providence Hospital Sunday.

Pruss, 66, was admitted to the hospital Feb. 19 with a heart condition aggravated by a lung ailment. Before his election as



JOSEPH F. PRUSS

business manager of Local 216 last year, Pruss had been assistant business agent for about 12 years. He was elected BTC president in July, 1958.

Pruss has also been vice president of the Building Trades Council; president of Local 216; president of the Sheet Metal Workers in Denver, Colo., and a sheet metal instructor at Laney Trades Institute during World War II.

In addition, Pruss was chairman of the Northern California Board of Business Agents for the Sheet Metal Workers and was chairman of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency until his resignation early this month.

He was elected to an unprecedented second term as president of the agency in November.

A veteran of World War I, Pruss had been chairman of the Veterans Hospital Christmas Committee a number of years and spent a lot of time with patients at VA hospitals in the area. He was active in several veterans organizations.

Survivors include his wife, Stella; two sons, the Rev. James L. Pruss, a Maryknoll missionary in Bolivia, and Joseph F. Jr., of Fremont, a teacher; three grandchildren, and six brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the John J. Cox Mortuary.

'Operation Correction' to be shown Thursday in S.L.; free to public

"Operation Correction" will be shown at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Bancroft Junior High School, Bancroft and Estudillo, San Leandro.

The showing will be free and open to the public. It will be sponsored by San Leandro Teachers Local 1285.

"Operation Correction" was produced by the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California. It shows how the earlier film, "Operation Abolition," doctored and edited newsreel footage to give an erroneous impression of the May, 1960, hearings of a House Un-American Activities subcommittee in San Francisco.

At Thursday's showing, "Operation Correction" will be introduced by James Watson, assistant professor of political science and education at San Jose State College, according to John Stevens, chairman.

2 East Bay men, Brown and York, on Executive Bd. of Teamsters Council

Al Brown, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers 302, has been elected a trustee of Teamsters Joint Council 7.

Brown succeeded Mark O'Reilly, president of San Francisco Teamsters 860, who was elected secretary-treasurer of the joint council. O'Reilly filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Fred Wettstein.

Re-elected to joint council posts were: Joseph J. Diviny, president; Jack Goldberger, vice president, and Silvio "Skeets" Giannini and Bill York, trustees. With O'Reilly and Brown, the group comprises the Executive Committee of Joint Council 7.

York is secretary of Oakland Automotive Teamsters 78.

Joe Hustler

Some people agree with "Joe Hustler." Some don't.

Commenting on the series of articles on Mexico in recent issues of the East Bay Labor Journal, Art Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, said he agreed on some points but disagreed on others.

Hellender said he hoped "Joe Hustler" is as good a Carpenter as he is a writer.

Talk on South America

"What Makes Latin America Explosive" will be discussed by Manfred A. Max-Neefy, visiting lecturer from Chile at the University of California, and Joseph Hansen, editor of "The Militant" who has just returned from South America, at 8 p.m. today (Friday) at the Women's City Club, Berkeley.

Peter Paul ruling still being awaited

A State Department of Employment referee's decision is still being awaited on whether members of American Bakery and Confectionery Workers 242 fired by Peter Paul, Inc., will get unemployment insurance.

In answer to a question, Assistant Secretary Arthur R. Hellender told Central Labor Council delegates that this is not surprising because the case was the longest on record under California unemployment insurance appeal procedures.

Hellender also reported on recent activity by the non-union candy company, which precipitated a strike and fired its employees by mail last year.

At the conclusion of Hellender's report, CLC President Russell Crowell said:

"To sum it up, it's still scab candy."

Hellender agreed.

ENGLE LAYS IT ON THE LINE

"Californians aren't going to be fooled by any whitewash slapped on the tired old Republican elephant in an effort to change its negative image," U. S. Senator Clair Engle said this week, predicting a total Democratic victory in November.

Senator Engle, named chairman of the Executive Committee for the Statewide Committee to Re-elect Governor Brown, added:

"Under Pat Brown's leadership, California has moved ahead to the point where it has the best social insurance and social welfare programs, the best educational system and the most favorable business climate in the nation."

Court upholds award of jobs, back pay for Textile Workers

The five officers and stewards of Textile Workers 146 who were fired by the F. Burkart Manufacturing Co. in 1960 have won a three-way court fight to get their jobs back.

Superior Judge Folger Emerson last week confirmed the award issued by a panel of arbitrators late last year.

In addition to the return of their jobs, the award gives the five back pay from Aug. 1, 1961 until the time they are either reinstated or refuse their old jobs back.

The company, a division of Textron Corp., located at 2230 Livingston St., Oakland, refused to abide by the arbitration award when it was issued.

TRUSTEE VS. OFFICERS

An attorney for the trustee appointed by the Textile Workers Union of America to supervise the local and the Textile Workers then filed a petition to confirm the award in San Francisco.

But the five men, who were involved in a conflict with the trustee, hired their own attorney.

The men's attorney, Harold A. Galloway, said the agreement to file in San Francisco was pursuant to an agreement with the company attorney.

Galloway charged that, under law, an order handed down by a San Francisco court was not enforceable in an arbitration award issued in Alameda County. Then Galloway filed a petition in Alameda County Superior Court to confirm the award.

ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK CASE

After a series of legal maneu-

vers in which the other attorneys tried to block the case filed by the men themselves, the two cases were consolidated and heard in Alameda County March 7.

Superior Judge Folger Emerson issued his ruling upholding the arbitration award last week.

The company attorney hinted an appeal was possible, but Galloway said there is "no basis" for such an appeal.

GROULX REPORTS

In a report to the Central Labor Council this month, Richard K. Groulx, assistant labor council secretary, who has stood by the men since their firing 1½ years ago, strongly criticized the handling of the case by the international trustee, Ted Emery, and Emery's attorney.

Groulx said Emery's actions had delayed the return of the unionists to their jobs.

HUEY REPORTS TO CLC

At Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting, Huey expressed the thanks of the five unionists to the labor council for standing by them during their long fight.

Had it not been for the labor council's support, Huey said, there is good reason to believe the case would not have been heard. In fact, he said, it even might not have gone to arbitration.

Huey charged that the Burkart company is violating the contract right now by refusing to abide by the court order. But he expressed hope that Local 146 is "on the right track at last" toward settlement of the dispute.

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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

At our last membership meeting held March 15, 1962, the chairman of the Welfare Committee explained the circumstances of many of our members due to sickness and basically unemployment; therefore, by action of the members present, a voluntary assessment of five dollars per month, effective April 1, 1962, for working members will be operative. This is on a voluntary basis. Make your checks payable to Steamfitters Union No. 342 Welfare Committee and mail to this office.

The Skilled Improvement Committee wishes to announce that the Journeyman Instrumentation Class presently meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. will now meet on Wednesday evenings at the same time. Brother Owen Kisner is the instructor for this class. The Skilled Improvement Committee has rented Room 229 in the Labor Temple, has repainted it and is in the process of relighting it. They have also purchased drawing tables, desks and chairs. The arrangement will be used for the Blue Print Isometric Drawings and Math Classes.

Brother Paul Gialich has been appointed to serve on the Sick and Welfare Committee in the Antioch area. His address is 1010 G St., Antioch, Calif.

Our next meeting has been designated as a special called meeting as the resolution pertaining to compensation for

sickness or accident for full time paid officers will be acted upon. Important — According to the Blood Bank Resolution, an assessment of one dollar per member will automatically apply when the Blood Bank Account drops below \$250. As this is the case at present, the one dollar assessment will take effect immediately.

For those members who have not paid January dues, please do so prior to midnight, Saturday, March 31, 1962, otherwise you will be delinquent.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

There are 226 on the list at the hall this Monday, March 19. Some of the brothers are getting impatient with the weather, but what can one do? — Just let it rain like in the Army, I guess.

You know a brother who is interested in the contract should make a point of attending meetings from now on for awhile. The conference board should be able to make some reports on details from time to time that ought to be pertinent and informative.

Commuter problems

Are you a traffic fighter? Bay Area commuter problems will be aired in a two part documentary report on Assignment Four on KRON-TV at 6:30 p.m. March 26 and April 2.

Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

The member who feels so insecure that he agrees to work below scale in order to hold his job presents a problem we intend to solve.

This statement does not include elderly members or handicapped members who have been granted a dispensation by the union to work below the scale.

Whether by ignorance or connivance a member accepts a wage scale below the contract minimum, the union wants to know about it. If such information is deliberately hidden from the union, the union will file a grievance and collect back wages for the individual involved. We will also file charges in the union against that member for accepting below-scale wages and urge a trial board to levy a fine on a guilty member equal to the back pay award.

Every member, when he joins the union, is given a copy of the contract, the district work rules, and the Brotherhood constitution. We can't make a member read these documents, but we can and do hold him responsible for knowing what is in them.

And then we have the problem of the "get ahead" member who wants to impress the boss and run the shop, or work nights or weekends for straight time, or install on the outside for inside rates. Also the problem of the foreman who digs in

(especially if there is not much work) to speed up the job way beyond the normal pace.

When skilled members are so selfish and stupid that they are willing to undermine and destroy the wage standards we worked so hard to establish, they will deserve the penalties the union will apply against them.

We have the problem of maintaining our conditions and preventing any employer from chiseling on labor costs. Whether the chiseling is to help beat out another bidder or to pile up some extra loot at the expense of the union member, the union is going to try harder than ever to stop it.

I can't do it alone. The members must help. A blind man can see the signs of chiseling, and, as in the past, I intend to run them down. The business agent is charged with enforcing the contract and work rules, and somewhere down the line comes the bit about winning friends and influencing people.

If friendly influence can enforce the rules, it will save me ulcers. But friendly or not, the rules must be enforced.

It's true that the slow season brings with it all the extra chiseling and violations on wages, seniority, overtime, etc., in addition to the unemployment problem. All the borderline cases are magnified now by the slow conditions, but for the union member it is just as important or more so for the same reason.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Anyone for politics? It's the season. Actually politics, like sex, goes on all the time. But in the spring politicians and lovers get that old feeling. The similarity doesn't stop there.

Politics and love are governed by preference, desires, impulses and opportunity. And so, while not an expert on either, we suggest to persons not already wrapped up in romance to try getting interested in politics. Not as a substitute. Heaven forbid. But as an outlet for energies, interests, and for public service.

In regard to politics, we invite steelworkers and their wives to join us in the Sub-district No. 3 Legislation-Education Committee luncheon meeting which will be held in the Anchor Restaurant, 1013 University Ave., Berkeley, at 10:30 a.m., Saturday March 24th. This is a no-host luncheon meeting at \$1.80 per person for a smorgasbord spread.

Alameda County legislators will be present to express their views on proposed legislation. Why not attend?

Barbers 134

By I. O. (AI) CHAMORRO

Time is getting short to complete the required number of signatures on the minimum price petition. Our business representative, Brother Sabio Caraballo, has been working hard to have our members sign it, also Brothers Ray Luciano of San Leandro; Dick Denton and Kelly, Alameda; S. C. Cooper, Oakland; Leon M. Henderson, Berkeley and Manuel Barbosa, Hayward. Many thanks to these brothers and to those that are doing so without my knowledge.

As of today a little over 300 members have signed. The quota is 622. We cannot fall this time — our efforts must be increased if we want to succeed.

All members coming to our regular meeting this Thursday, March 22nd, if they have not done so, should bring the following information: barber license number, file number, and if an owner, your shop certificate number, so that you will be prepared to sign the petition.

Keep this date marked on your calendar — Monday, April 2, 1962. You are all cordially invited to attend a showing of a film of great importance. No admittance will be charged — time 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland. More news will follow in the East Bay Labor Journal. Watch this paper also for news on union made clothes. Buy Union! Shop Union! Ask for the union card!

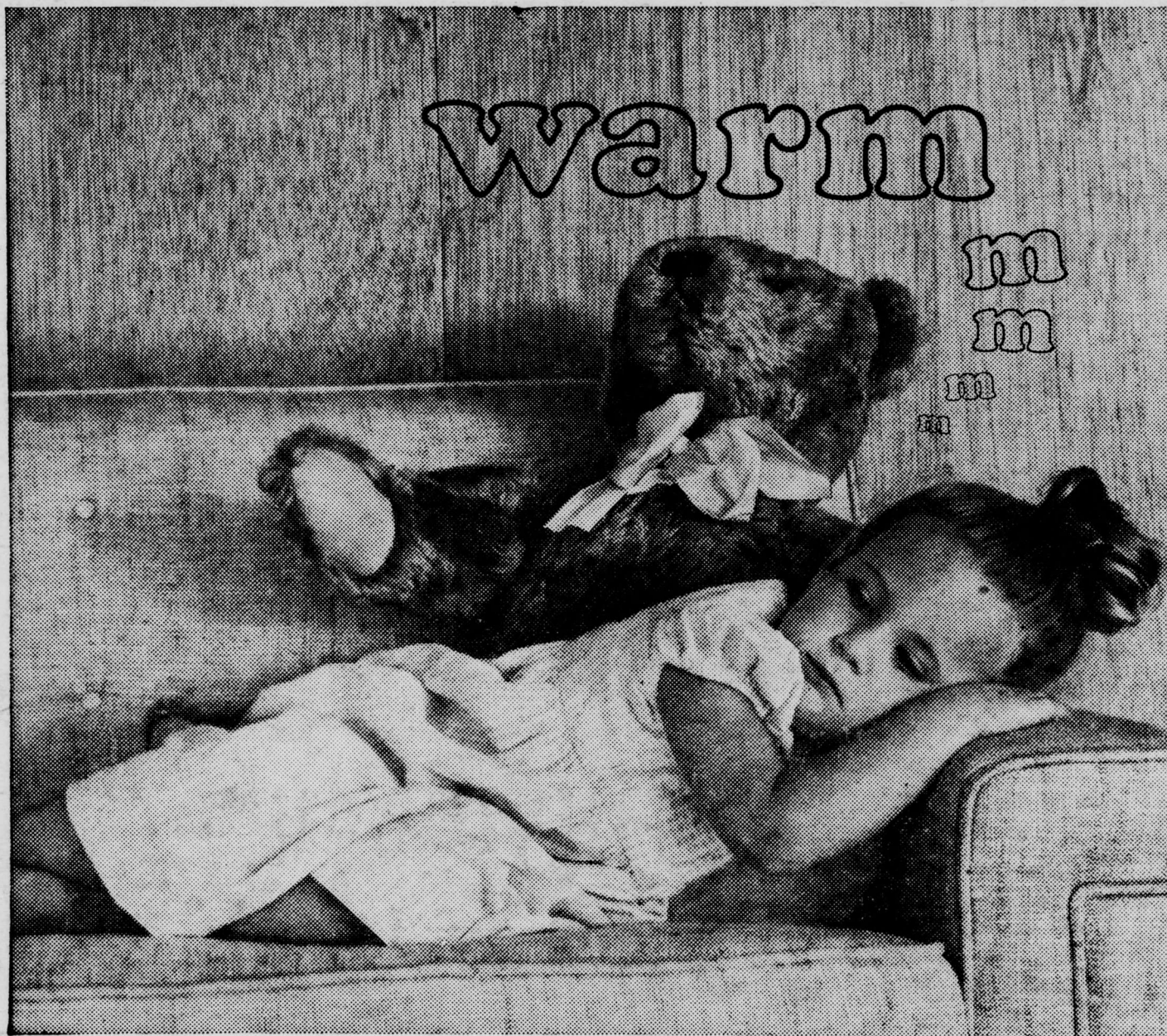
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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

There will be a special meeting of the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League of Lodge 1546 at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at our building, 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally yours,
DON CROSMAN,
Recording Secretary

BARBERS 134

Regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

The Finance Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the union office.

Fraternally,
I. O. CHAMORRO,
Secretary-Treasurer

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings held the first and third Mondays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m. and the third at 8 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held April 17.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President
LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

BUILDING SERVICE 18

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The general election of Local No. 18 will take place on April 13, 1962, at the office of the union, 1628 Webster St., Oakland. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT,
Business Representative

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

We come together again at a regular meeting Friday night, April 6. Again a reminder to you that you should make it a point to attend the meetings, regular or special. You missed out in participation, of action in and settlement of some very worthwhile subjects. It was a very good meeting. If you were absent, that was too bad. Do be sure to attend the future meetings. There will be questions arising that deserves your attendance at these meetings.

Fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be April 3 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, April 5th, 8 p.m.

Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Special Board meeting Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m., to act on resolutions.

Charter Member Night Thursday, April 19.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Secretary

STEELWORKERS 1798

Regular union meeting Friday, March 23, 8 p.m. Hall D, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
EDWARD SOTO,
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

A PLEA FOR BLOOD

Brother Bobby Sisson of Crown Paint Co. has had a serious operation. To date he has been given 26 pints of blood which need replacing.

If you can donate blood for Bobby, go to the Alameda-Contra Costa County Blood Bank, 6230 Claremont St., Oakland.

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday (except Thursday) 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tell the Blood Bank that the blood is for Bobby Sisson at the Brookside Hospital in Richmond.

Since such a lot of blood is needed, if you will and do donate any blood to Bobby, please call the Union Office so we can keep account of how much we have been able to secure for him.

The need is great, and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,
PETER J. CEREMELLO,
Financial Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held April 7, 1962, at 1913 Grove St., Oakland, Calif., at 2 p.m.

Delegates and alternates will be nominated and elected to the 13th International Convention of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., May 1-5, 1962.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

Fraternally,
JOHN GRIGSBY,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in Hall G of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY,
Secretary-Treasurer

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next membership meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be a special called one to be held on Wednesday, March 28, 1962, in Hall A at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Labor Temple building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

1. The regular order of business.
2. Second reading of Resolution 1 and action thereon.
3. The special order of business at 9 p.m. sharp will be:

a. A complete report from your Location and Building Committee and to take a secret ballot vote on the recommendation and proposal the committee will submit.

b. Second reading of Resolutions II and II and to be voted on to accept or reject by a secret ballot vote.

c. Brother Dan McDonald, apprenticeship coordinator of the United Association for the eleven western states, will be present to address the membership and give his good advice as usual on matters that may come up within his jurisdiction.

This meeting is of the utmost importance to the future of Local Union No. 444 members and their families. Kindly arrange your affairs in order to be present.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec. Treas.

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting of Local 939 will be held Friday March 23, 1962, at 8 p.m. Matters of vital importance will be discussed. All members are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The local's second Payola Night was very well attended, but Brother R. Garshol was not present; so he lost the payment of two quarters' dues. Who knows, this may happen to you if you miss the next meeting of your local, Thursday, March 22, 1962.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

Your secretary would like to take this opportunity to remind all Carpenters and their families that the final date for registering to vote at the primary election is April 12, 1962. If you have moved or did not vote in the last general election, you must register, or you will not be eligible to vote. I signed up as a deputy registrar last week, and we are in need of many more registrars for this work. Please call Jack G. Blue at HI 4-5066, the County Clerk of Alameda County.

It is the privilege and duty of all citizens to register and vote at all elections.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
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CHEMICAL WORKERS 62

The election of officers and delegates for Local 62, International Chemical Workers Union, will take place at the next regular meeting, Friday, April 13, 1962, at the Steelworkers Hall in Niles, Calif. The regular meeting will be called for 8 p.m. but the hall will be open from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. so that all workers on the 4-12 shift will have an opportunity to vote.

Fraternally yours,
JEROME JACQUES,
Rec. and Corr. Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

Our next meeting of March 23rd has been designated a special call for the purpose of nominations for the office of vice-president.

The meeting of April 13th will be a special call for the election of a vice president.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings of Carpenters are held each Friday at 8 p.m., unless otherwise specified, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

We sincerely urge that you attend meetings as regularly as possible. You as a member should take part in the deliberation of these meetings and aid to form policies that are good for the labor movement as a whole, and for you as an individual.

Stewards' meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, and the last Friday of each month is social night for all.

Fraternally,
L. D. (Larry) TWIST,
Recording Secretary

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Write him even if he's already for it!

Write your congressman in support of the Anderson-King bill — even if you think he's already for it.

This is the advice offered by Arthur R. Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

Observing that the bill has been given a good chance of passage if it can be gotten out of committee, Hellender said friendly congressmen like Representatives Miller and Cohelan of Alameda County need letters to show that sentiment in their districts is strongly for it.

If you believe that health care for retired persons should be provided under Social Security—which is what the Anderson-King Bill would do—write:

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan, House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Congressman George P. Miller, House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Senator Clair Engle, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Senator Thomas Kuchel, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Local 444 establishes own speakers' bureau

William Chandler of East Bay Municipal Utility District Employees 444 told Central Labor Council delegates his union has established a speakers' bureau.

Speakers will appear before any other union to explain Local 444's dispute with the water district, Chandler said.

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The mounting tide of cheap-wage school cabinets, church seating, kitchen cabinets, etc., has been smothering local industry.

Not automation! Not mechanization! Just plain cheap wages! For example—kitchen cabinets are shipped here from Florida by shops paying a top rate of \$1.24 per hour. In the Bay Area a journeyman cabinetmaker is paid \$3.27 an hour plus health and welfare, pension and vacation benefits.

This dirty competition from other states threatens to destroy what has been a thriving California industry and the jobs of more than 10,000 millmen and cabinetmakers.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters has organized the Mill-Cabinet Industry in California about 99 per cent and established the best wages and working conditions anywhere in the industry.

The vicious and insidious Taft-Hartley and Landrum-Griffin laws have robbed unions of protective measures such as the secondary boycott. Now our defense is limited to explaining the situation and soliciting the support of all job-conscious unionists. This is why YOUR cooperation is so vitally important.

SCHOOL TAXES GO OUT OF STATE

Several years ago our public schools started buying from cheap-wage outfits in other states. Now about 50 million school tax dollars go out of state every year for cheap-wage school fixtures, lab equipment, furniture and millwork.

This happens in spite of a state law permitting a public agency to grant 5 per cent preference for bids of California concerns.

Our tax dollars are going by the million into cheap-wage areas to buy school cabinets and furniture that compete with and undermine our California industry and wage standards. It must stop!

SCAB CHURCH SEATING

The building committees in most of the new churches in California buy scab seating. At the same time many churches have been granted special dispensations and labor donations from the Brotherhood of Carpenters and other Building Trades Unions.

A once-thriving part of the mill-cabinet industry has almost been destroyed by this cheap-wage, scab competition.

CUT-THROAT KITCHEN CABINETS

The crowning blow, and the possible killer for the California mill-cabinet industry, has been the flood of kitchen cabinets from cheap-labor areas.

If this flood is not stopped the industry will be dead.

OUR LIFE-SAVER PROPOSALS

1. If you know a Builder, Architect or General Contractor, ask him to be sure and specify California Union-Made Kitchen Cabinets, School Fixtures, Church Seating and Millwork!
2. If you know a member of a Church Building Committee, ask him to be sure to specify California Union-Made Church Seating and Millwork.
3. If schools are being planned or built in your community, ask the School Board to be sure and specify California Union Made Cabinets, Fixtures and Millwork.
4. If you know a candidate for election or a politician, ask him to actively support our program.
5. If you are a Carpenter or Building Tradesman please report any job using Cabinets or Millwork from outside California to the nearest Carpenters Hall.

FIGHTING FOR OUR JOBS

The Mill-Cabinet Industry is a skilled industry. The older craftsmen and many of the not-so-old craftsmen have spent years in this industry and could not be retrained for other skills, especially with serious unemployment everywhere.

The Mill-Cabinet Industry is OUR industry and we intend to fight for OUR JOBS! With YOUR help WE CAN WIN!

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Painters Dist. Council 16

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

Take note: The United California Bank, headquarters in Los Angeles, with branches elsewhere, has awarded the construction of a new bank to a non-union contractor in Hemet, Calif.

All efforts of the Building and Construction Trades Council in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties to convince them of the error of their ways was of no avail.

So, if you have money on deposit or do business with this bank you know what steps to take.

Now then, another matter—A small but vital duty you may perform for the good of unionism and your country:

Write a letter to your senator and representative in Washington and ask them to support the following legislation which is backed by all labor and other intelligent people—and be aware of this privilege because here is one of the few places in the world where such an effort can bear fruit:

1. On-Site Picketing Amendment (S 640 - HR 2955).
2. Davis-Bacon Act Modernization (S 1360 - HR 5622 and HR 9656).
3. Eight Hour Law Amendment (S 1394 - HR 9657).
4. Public Works Program (S 986 - HR 1057).
5. Small Business Administration Act (S 1393 - HR 3690).
6. Federal Aid to Education (S 1021 - HR 4970).
7. Medical Care for the Aged (S 909 - HR 4222).
8. Federal Standards for Unemployment Compensation (S 2084 - HR 7640).
9. Equal Employment Opportunity Act (HR 10144).
10. Landrum-Griffin Amendments.
11. Taft-Hartley Amendments.
12. Dept. of Urban Affairs and Housing.

Believe this — the people representing us in Washington are very sensitive to our desires — they heed with respect when we confront them with our views — but the trouble is, they don't hear from us enough — so let's take pen in hand and correct that situation.

Thank you very much.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Sorry to report that we have not reached an understanding with the Bay Mart Discount Store in San Jose, although I am expecting another meeting with Ray Vetterlein who represents the employer, prior to the

Be sure to notify us promptly when you change your address

The Post Office Department has doubled its charge for returning undeliverable copies of the East Bay Labor Journal. The revised regulation covers all second, third and fourth class matter and became effective last month.

In the case of the East Bay Labor Journal this item of expense is now running twice what it was previously.

Readers can help cut down this cost by prompt notification of changes in address on blanks obtainable from local post offices and carriers or the "I Am Moving" form elsewhere in this newspaper.

Thank you.

Santa Clara Central Labor Council meeting on March 19.

Because of the procrastination on the part of the employer's representative, there have been created a few other unethical instances in the San Jose area. Therefore, under these circumstances, we can do nothing but follow through with our plans to bring this establishment into conformity with the watch repair industry.

In two unethical instances in Santa Clara County in the past week the finger has been pointed directly to the Bay Mart store as to why they have started such unethical practices.

I sincerely hope that by the time you read this we have the matter straightened out and it has not been necessary to take economic action in the matter referred to above.

After meeting with the owners of the concession in Hart's Department Store, located in San Jose and Sunnyvale, I have an agreement from them that they will not price advertise watch repairing in the future.

I hope those large, ugly red signs are removed from the Watch Hospital in San Jose by the time you read this column. After a visit with Mr. Fullmer, he informed me that he had more or less decided to remove said signs inasmuch as they detracted from the appearance of his store. Of course, we shall have to keep watch on this to see if Mr. Fullmer complies with the ethics of the industry.

The by-laws of this local require every eligible member to be a registered voter. If you are not eligible, you must be in the process of obtaining eligibility to vote.

I make this comment because I wish to remind you that if you have moved or did not vote in the last general election you must re-register. The deadline for registering is April 12.

I would suggest that all of you comply with this by-law because you never know when the Executive Committee may recommend to the membership that we have a check on the voting registration of our members.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Incumbents beaten in Culinary 595 voting at Richmond

An upset election Monday brought defeat to top incumbent officers of Richmond Bartenders and Culinary Workers 595, including Secretary-Treasurer Bernice A. Cooper, a veteran of a quarter century as head of the local.

John M. Kropa defeated Mrs. Cooper by a vote of 822 to 342.

James T. Gettle Jr. outpolled incumbent president E. (Tubby) Robinett, 696 to 331. R. S. O'Brien came in third in the three way race for the union presidency, with 121 votes.

For assistant secretary, Katherine S. Ginsburg defeated Mary R. Murphy, the incumbent, 707 to 424.

Ballots for other offices had not yet been counted.

Congressman Miller gets U.N. advisory assignment

Congressman George P. Miller of Alameda County has been nominated by House Speaker John McCormack to be congressional advisor to the United States Representative to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Congressman Miller said: "I am highly honored by this designation and I am looking forward to working with Ambassador Adlai Stevenson in advancing the cause of international understanding and peace through the exploration of the peaceful uses of space by many nations."

Congressman Miller is also chairman of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.

Mrs. Swadesh appointed to head state division

Mrs. Nancy Swadesh of Mill Valley has been appointed chief of the State Division of Industrial Welfare by Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown. She succeeds Mrs. Florence Clifton of Los Angeles, who resigned to become Southern California Finance coordinator of the Committee to Re-elect Governor Brown.

Communism lecture

Dr. Julian Towster, professor of political science at the University of California will give the concluding lecture in the Oakland City College's series on "Communism: The Challenge and the Answer" at 8 p.m. today (Friday) at the Merritt Campus Auditorium, 5714 Grove St.

ALAMEDA COUNTY COPE TO ENDORSE APRIL 4

The Alameda County AFL-CIO Council on Political Education will hold an endorsing convention for candidates in the June 5 primary at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, in the Fee Memorial Room of the Labor Temple.

Recommendations by the COPE Executive Committee will be acted upon at that time, according to Robert S. Ash, secretary-treasurer.

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K. E. Francis dies; City postmaster & veteran unionist

Funeral rites were held last Friday for Kenneth E. Francis, 57, veteran unionist and career postal employee, who was named postmaster of Oakland last year. Francis died suddenly, Wednesday, March 14, from an apparent heart attack.

A member of four different unions during his working career, Francis retained his membership in Branch 76, National Association of Letter



KENNETH E. FRANCIS

Carriers (AFLCIO), even though he had been in a supervisory capacity in the Oakland Post Office since 1952.

Francis joined Branch 76 in 1940 as a letter carrier and held virtually every top office, including its presidency. He was a delegate to the Central Labor Council many years.

He also held various state and national posts, including the national vice-presidency of the Letter Carriers for California.

Francis, formerly superintendent of mails in Oakland, was named acting postmaster in February, 1961, and postmaster six months ago. Organized labor provided strong support for the appointment.

He leaves his wife, Margaret; two daughters, a grandson, three brothers and a sister.

Delegate warns on false fire alarms

In addition to needlessly endangering lives of firemen, youngsters who turn in false alarms are "cheating" their own families and others of fire protection, R. E. Cadigan of Fire Fighters 55 told the Central Labor Council.

When a fire rig is answering a false alarm, this means the available fire protection in the area is spread thinner, Cadigan explained. In the event of a real fire or other emergency, the closest fire engine is at the next station—not the one in the immediate neighborhood.

Cadigan described the false alarm problem as a growing one and said it exists all over Oakland among youngsters of every age.

New CLC delegates

New Central Labor Council delegates seated March 12 were: Anne Draper of Amalgamated Clothing Workers 42 and Mike Katsiros of Bill Posters 44.

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Al J. Hayes, IAM president, pays tribute to E. H. Vernon

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more income to consume what we produce, the market will become glutted with what we produce.

"With about 7 per cent unemployed, the problem is that the income of the work force is too low. . . . The labor movement is going to have to be even more militant to bring the ability of people to consume in closer line with their ability to produce."

This is one of the greatest challenges facing not only the labor movement, but also the whole nation, Hayes said.

DISPLACED WORKERS

Even when the nation's ability to consume catches up with automation, Hayes told the Oakland audience, there will still be many whose skills will have become outmoded by technological changes.

In "a humane and Christian society," Hayes declared, it is imperative for organized labor to work for legislation and contract agreements to provide for retraining, relocation, early retirement and more adequate unemployment benefits for those displaced.

Hayes also stressed the need for a shorter work week, designed to spread job opportunities.

"There is no reason why certain individuals should be forced to bear the burden of technological improvements," he emphasized.

UNMET NEEDS OF U.S.

As an outlet for this vast reservoir of labor, and productive capacity, Hayes pointed to the nation's unmet needs: more schools, slum clearance, added recreational facilities, and a comprehensive plan for medical care for the aged.

"Labor and its few real friends in management must continue to do battle for these things," Hayes concluded. "And we need more people like Ernie Vernon to do it."

'MEN LIKE ERNIE VERNON'

Earlier, Hayes cited the "deep respect" he developed over the years for Vernon's contributions not only to Lodge 1546 of the IAM but also to the whole labor movement.

Vernon, Hayes said, is "leaving a magnificent heritage to those who follow in his footsteps," Hayes declared.

When Vernon started organiz-

ing for Lodge 1546 in 1934, Hayes said, the lodge had 100 members who earned 80 cents an hour.

Now it is one of the largest lodges in the IAM and has the best wages and conditions in the automotive machinists' industry in California, Hayes said.

Hayes also cited Vernon's work in pioneering pension plans, in organizing production workers and in apprenticeship training and civic affairs.

Vernon was appointed by three governors to the California Apprenticeship Council, having served since 1946, longer than any of its other members. He first joined the International Association of Machinists in 1916.

Changes since those days "did not come about through a process of automatic evolution," Hayes said, but "through the passion for justice of such men as Ernie Vernon."

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

City Councilman Dan Marovich presented Vernon with a framed copy of an Oakland City Council resolution congratulating Vernon for his long service to the labor movement and the community.

And guests sang "Happy Birthday" to Vernon. Saturday was Vernon's 66th birthday.

Ed T. Merritt, master of ceremonies and business representative for Lodge 1546, read several letters and telegrams of congratulation from officials in labor and government, including one from trustees of welfare and pension funds in which Vernon played a leading role.

DeWayne (Bud) Williams, Vernon's successor as general business representative, presented Vernon with a gift.

Vernon responded with a talk, thanking those who attended the dinner and relating some of his experiences in the labor movement.

Prisons institute

Clinton Duffy, former San Quentin warden, and other experts are scheduled to speak at an all-day institute on prison and penal problems sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee this Saturday, March 24, at the Martinez Junior High School. Further information may be obtained at the AFSC office, SK 2-7766.

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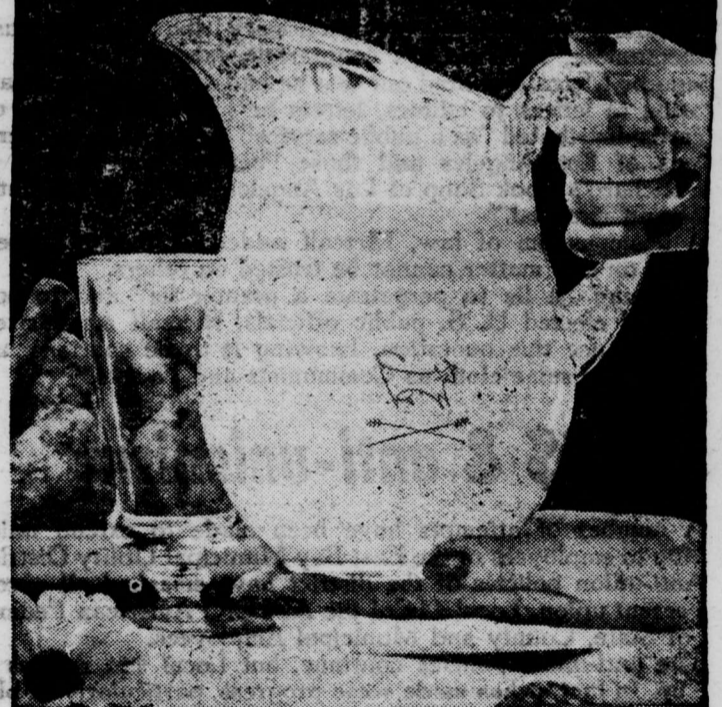
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STATE CONTROLLER Alan Cranston is shown with his wife, Geneva, and sons, Kim, left, and Robin, as he announces his candidacy for re-election. Kim, 10, and Robin, 14, are veteran doorbell ringers for the Democrats.

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Khrushchev not father of illegitimate quotation

A key point in the crazy, mixed-up arguments of the right-wing fanatics is a statement attributed to Nikita Khrushchev.

"We cannot expect the Americans to jump from Capitalism to Communism, but we can assist their elected leaders in giving the Americans small doses of Socialism, until they suddenly awake to find they have Communism."

Khrushchev is reputed to have said this about 3½ months before he visited the United States in September, 1959.

Aside from the fact that any political scientist will tell you that this statement doesn't hold water, we now learn that the statement was never even made by Khrushchev.

For this information, we are indebted to Senator Lee Metcalf, Democrat of Montana.

Metcalf set the record straight in a recent Senate speech.

He reported that he had asked the Library of Congress to find the origin of the statement.

The Library replied: "We have searched the Legislative Reference Service files, checked all the standard reference works on quotations by Khrushchev, and consulted with the Slavic Division of the Library of Congress, the Department of State, and the U.S. Information Agency. . . . From none of these sources were we able to produce evidence that Khrushchev actually made such a statement."

Metcalf told his fellow Senators that he then checked with the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. It could find "no authentic source for the quotation."

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, said it "has not been possible to verify the authenticity of the statement."

John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told Metcalf: "The quotation . . . does not appear in any of Khrushchev's speeches, interviews, articles, or off-the-cuff remarks which have come to our attention. To the best of our knowledge, we believe the quotation to be spurious."

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines "spurious" as "illegitimate, bastard . . . counterfeit, false."

Senator Metcalf pointed out that he had seen the illegitimate quotation in letters to editors, letters he had received and on postcards distributed "as a public service" by the Coast Federal Savings of Los Angeles and those "bearing the imprint of Poor Richard's Book Shop of Los Angeles, which disseminates right-wing material."

A basic maxim of law, Metcalf added, is that a witness who lies on one matter cannot be trusted on others.

By using "a lie to perpetrate a greater lie" and to sow distrust of elected U. S. public officials, Metcalf emphasized, those who use this quotation, knowing it to be spurious, are "cut from the same cloth as Communists and Facists."

Tax \$\$\$ & anti-unionism

A number of attempts have been made to extend union benefits to employees of the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

Anti-union policies of the district have smashed all except the present union, Local 444 of the AFL-CIO American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The anti-union policies continue, but Local 444 refuses to give up. In fact, it has made some progress, particularly in blue collar departments of the water district.

Our present concern is raised by a bulletin of Local 444.

It points out that Local 444 was denied use of district bulletin boards and was refused payroll deduction of union dues. In April, 1961, the local filed suit against the district in Alameda County Superior Court to obtain these benefits.

According to Local 444, the district makes payroll deductions for its "Employees Association" for charities and for health and life insurance. And, the union says, the district also grants use of bulletin board space for groups and individuals for all types of activities and personal items.

We do not presume to pre-judge this case. But we wonder how much taxpayers' money a public district is entitled to spend in an apparent anti-union attempt. After all, the case was filed almost a year ago. Somebody is dragging his feet, and it isn't the union. The union claims the water district has "a battery of attorneys" working on the case.

In addition to wondering how much taxpayers' money — if any — the district is entitled to spend, we wonder how much it is actually spending.

The union has searched through the district's annual report and can't find a thing about it.

These are points which — as tax and bill payers to the East Bay Municipal Utility District — every member of organized labor wants answered.

Ground Observer



YOU CAN'T HAVE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER

By THEODORE M. ZONA
Member, Typographical 36

It is no secret that management in some industries is using automation, or so-called new processes, as a means of increasing their production of goods and services while laying off employees in wholesale lots.

Unfortunately — or fortunately, however one looks at it — machines do not buy this increased production of goods and services.

Yes, people are important and the economy is geared to their purchasing power and ability to pay. We cannot possibly have a healthy economy if the unemployed ranks continue to grow.

SIDE EFFECTS

Along with increasing unemployment, other things show an increase. Crime increases, and so do the relief rolls. Taxes increase to support those "liberated" from their jobs by automation.

Just who is going to pay the freight in maintaining a healthy economy if people continue to be replaced by automation?

If the trend is allowed to continue, everyone will ultimately suffer. Surely, the communists would like nothing better than to propagandize our system of free enterprise as one which is not working so well.

Whether you like it or not, management and labor must both share in the fruits of automation if it is to represent true progress. We are not just dealing with machines in America. We are dealing with millions of living, breathing people, who must be allowed to think, act, dream, plan, work and contribute to society.

This world is composed of people! Human beings buy goods and services! Human beings send their children to college! Automation cannot represent progress unless it is handled properly by the people responsible for its existence.

Dr. Walter W. Heller, chairman of President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisors, has predicted that millions of workers will be "liberated" from their jobs by 1965, as a result of automation.

BOON OR CURSE?

Automation can certainly be a tremendous boon to mankind: the means of fantastic, booming progress towards a better world, or it can also be a curse. The choice is ours; we have a choice.

However tortuously slow it may come, this progress (if it is to be progress in every sense of the word) must result in a

shorter work week and more (certainly not less) people gainfully employed.

In addition to automation and people, we are dealing with a little thing called money, which is used for a medium of exchange. This legal tender is very necessary in building funds and treasuries. A new car is not purchased, nor is it able to speed down a new concrete freeway if the treasury has no funds. We must have ample employment. If we are short on responsible taxpaying citizens, we will also run short on funds.

You can't have one without the other!

Management and labor can and must work and progress as a team in the training of workers liable to be replaced by automation. Whether you like it or not, management and labor must be partners in progress.

ITU PROGRAM

The International Typographical Union, the oldest and most democratic trade union in existence today, is not fighting automation. This union is endeavoring to progress with the new machines and techniques that are being introduced into the trade.

The ITU maintains one of the finest training programs in the country on new processes coming into the trade. Schools are maintained by every one of its major locals throughout the country. Training is made readily available to all members of this union.

Automation need not necessarily be a monster to be looked upon with abject fear, although it would be admittedly difficult to tell that to the worker who has just been given the axe. However, it cannot become a boon to mankind until it is explained or translated into more jobs, more paychecks, and more purchasing power.

'KEEP THE TREE ALIVE'

Certainly, management cannot expect to gather the fruits of automation unless they extend full cooperation in keeping the tree alive. A dead tree does not produce anything and it doesn't pay its way! An unemployed worker doesn't produce anything and he doesn't buy anything!

You can always get a debate as to which came first, the chicken or the egg. One thing is for sure though: You can't have one without the other.

Management cannot continue to chop off the heads of geese that are laying the golden eggs.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
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FRANKEL PROTESTS HILL J.C. ARTICLE

Editor, Labor Journal:

The article in the February 23rd issue of your paper entitled "Double Educational Standard?" uses my name in an unfair, misleading and completely false context.

In reporting a recent meeting of the Oakland Board of Education at the new Skyline High School at which plans for the new city college campus in the hill area were presented, Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, states that I asked whether trade courses would be taught at the new college. From this premise, Mr. Groulx proceeded in the article to speculate that I "may have been worried that the wrong kind of student might be attracted to the exclusive neighborhood."

The fact is that I inquired of the board members at that meeting whether the Laney Trade School campus would be moved to the new site, and I expressed the opinion that a trade school with its industrial type activities would be out of harmony with a residential neighborhood. That opinion was and is based upon the conviction that proper zoning and land use in any community requires the separation of industrial activities from residential uses so far as possible. It had nothing to do with the "kind" of student who might attend a trade school as distinguished from an academic school. I was not aware of any difference in the type of student body of such schools and certainly I was not aware that there is a "wrong" or "right" kind of student.

In view of everything I have stood for in my work in the community, I bitterly resent the obvious inference of the article that I am biased or prejudiced toward any segment of our citizenry, and I am amazed that Mr. Groulx could draw any such conclusion from my remarks at the meeting.

I wish my net worth justified my characterization in the article as one of the "wealthy residents of the hill area of Oakland" who "turned out in force" at the meeting, but regretfully it doesn't. Furthermore, the attendance at the meeting by hill area residents was so meager that, as a former officer and director of the Improvement Association in the area, I was embarrassed at the poor turnout.

If there is a disparity in school facilities in different areas of the city, there should be a better way of pointing up the problem without attempting to pit class against class where no such distinction in fact exists.

Oakland, with help of all groups in the community, is making giant efforts to pull itself out of the morass of lethargy and indifference of years past so that it will be a better place in which all people may live. Unfair reporting does not contribute toward this goal.

I trust you can give this letter the same prominence in an early issue of your paper as was given to the original article.

NAT FRANKEL

REMAIN SEATED

Editor, Labor Journal:

Re: Editor's Chair, EBLJ Feb. 9, 1962.

Keep your seat! It looks exactly the same from where I sit.

JOHN HENRY MITCHELL,
Member, Teachers 771